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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 80-72

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN - ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS

REFERENCE: SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER (ADOP) NO. 74

This letter outlines the procedures to be followed by adoption agencies under the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children. These procedures reflect minor changes from instructions in Social Services Letter (ADOP) No. 74, and supplements issued March 8, 1977 and April 13, 1978, which are superseded by this letter. These procedures apply only to adoptive placements. The procedures for foster care placements are found in MPP 30-216. A separate All-County Letter will be issued regarding foster care procedures.

Regulations for adoptive placements through the Compact are being developed for publication in California Administrative Code, Title 22, Chapter 3, Adoptions and Child Placing Agencies.

Requests for home studies initiated by California agencies should be sent in duplicate directly to the other Compact state(s). A current listing of names and addresses of persons in the Compact states to whom correspondence should be addressed is attached. At the same time, a copy of the request and 5 copies of form ICPC 100A should be sent to the Program Services Unit, Adoptions Operations Bureau, M.S. 19-31, Department of Social Services. The Program Services Unit will sign and forward the 100A's to the Interstate Compact Administrator (ICA) in the other state. This change has been implemented to accommodate states requiring the 100A's to be submitted before releasing the home study. If the placement is made following approval by the other state, 3 copies of form ICPC 100B are sent to DSS for forwarding to the receiving state ICA.

Member states of the Compact have been advised to route requests for evaluations of homes for adoptive placement to DSS for assignment to the appropriate agency.

Following is an outline of the procedures:

A. Children leaving California

1. Request for home evaluation initiated by California agency

- a. The agency completes child summary and home study request. Sends one copy of summary and request to Receiving State Compact Administrator (ICA) and one copy to the local agency. Indicates that ICPC 100A's are being submitted to DSS.
 - b. Sends copy of request and 5 copies of ICPC 100A to DSS.
 - c. DSS signs and forwards 100A's to receiving state ICA.
 - d. Receiving state ICA returns 100A with approval or disapproval.
2. Placement following approval of home by other state
 - a. If the decision is made to place, arrangements are made between the local agencies.
 - b. Three copies of ICPC 100B with date of placement are submitted to DSS with copy of the family study and other documents not previously submitted to the local agency.
 - c. DSS signs and forwards 100B and other documents to receiving ICA.
3. Request for placement when approved home study by other state's agency previously exchanged with California agency.
 - a. If the home study appears to be appropriate for placement, the local agency completes 100A's and sends 5 copies to DSS, with the family study and other pertinent information not previously submitted to the other state.
 - b. The DSS signs and forwards 100A's and other materials to receiving ICA for approval.
 - c. Receiving state ICA signs and returns 100A's indicating approval or disapproval. DSS forwards copy to local agency.
 - d. Arrangements made for placement only after approval received by DSS.
4. Supervisory reports
 - a. Supervising agency in receiving state sends reports to local agency with copy to DSS.

B. Children entering California

1. Home evaluation request from ICPC states
 - a. All requests are sent to DSS for forwarding to appropriate agency.
 - b. Local agency sends reports with recommendation of prospective placement directly to other state with copy to DSS.

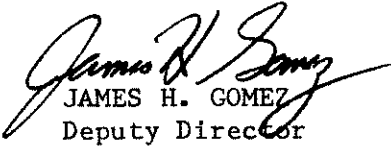
2. Placement request

- a. Sending ICA submits 100A's to DSS.
- b. DSS confirms plan with local agency, signs 100A and returns to sending ICA with copy to local agency.
- c. Local agency completes plan for placement after 100A signed for approval.

3. Supervisory reports

- a. Local agency sends supervisory reports directly to ICA or local agency with copy to DSS.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact Barbara Merritt, Social Service Consultant, Adoptions Operations Bureau, (916) 322-4946.


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